of Madras and so on so that it is impossible to bring all these under one category.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—When a similar question was put, the Secretary gave an answer that there were precedents like this. May I know whether there was any precedent in which the amounts from donations and subscriptions were utilised for the construction of house to His Highness' Consort?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I want notice if the Hon'ble Member is referring to previous questions.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—The Government have given a donation to the Madras Race Club. What has this institution to do with the welfare of the people of the State?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—The Government decided or thought it necessary to give such a donation.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Because you have got power in your hands—that irresponsible power.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Yes; it may be so.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know why the amount of Rs. 2,203—8—0, the cost of timber granted to Messrs. M. Govinda Menon, K. Narayana Menon, M. Madhavan Panickar, K. K. Sreenivasa Shenoi and Poulose Mar Athanasius is put together?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I want notice. Probably the Forest Department might have consolidated the whole thing and sent in one bill with regard to all these instances.

## Charity Wakfs—regulating of.

254. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government state when for the first time the desirability of the Government regulating Charity Wakfs was brought to their notice both in and outside the Council?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—The question was raised in the Legislative Council by means of a question for the first time in November 1931. On 7th November 1931 Mr. K. M. Seethi, ex-M. L. C., also requested the Diwan for sanction to introduce his "Mussalman Wakf Validating Bill" in the Legislative Council.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know, Sir, why they did not introduce some regulations to ensure the keeping up of proper accounts of wakfs as they promised to the Council on various occasions?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—I do not think a definite promise has been given. I have been saying that the existing law is sufficient for the purpose.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Did not the Hon'ble Secretary promise in this open Council that he would see what kind of legislation is being instituted in the British Indian parts and that he would further see whether we should not have such a legislation. Did he not definitely promise to look into the matter ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—To which day's proceedings is the Hon'ble Member referring? I do not remember to have made such a promise. Generally this question being one relating to legislation I would not have made any such statement.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Are the Government aware of any regulation prevailing in the neighbourhood of British India whereby the accounts of these wakfs are ensured ?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—The Government are aware that there are some regulations in British India. It is more than once pointed out that there have been regulations on this matter and we have all along pointed out that even in the absence of any legislation the provisions of Muhammadan Law are applicable to these Wakfs and the existing Muhammadan Law is quite enough for the Courts to take action and see that proper accounts are kept. The origin of Legislation in British India is that there were conflicting decisions with regard to this matter and the legislature thought it would be better to adopt one line of reasoning in the form of a statute. We are so placed that we are at liberty to adopt that line of reasoning even in the absence of any such legislation. I may assure my Hon'ble friend that the existing provisions of the Muhammadan Law are quite sufficient to cover any case of mis-appropriation or mis-management with reference to these Muhammadan charities, and they are enough to impel the Courts to act in such matters. You have also introduced a Bill now.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Why did you not introduce a Bill on your own initiative ?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—We thought that the Muhammadan Law is quite enough. Even now your Bill is only an exposition of the provisions of the Muhammadan Law in the form of a statute. We thought that it will be a redundancy.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—At present is there any arrangement by which the accounts of income and expenses are being maintained so that the public and the Government will be in a position to know it ?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—The State is the custodian of all charities. If a proper case is made out, the Courts can enquire into the matter. They are to administer these charities and if a proper case is made out, they are at liberty to apply the provisions of the Muhammadan Law and the Law of Endowments and see whether proper accounts are being maintained.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—My question is, are the Government doing anything on their own initiative? The Courts have power to look into this matter. But may I know whether the Government have taken any steps whereby they will be in a position to know whether the intentions and provisions of the donor are respected or not?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Even in the proposed legislation or in the existing Regulations in British India, the Government do not go on fishing to see whether there is mismanagement. It is only when the Government is appraised that there is mis-management, the Government take action. Even if a legislation is passed there can be nothing to compel the Government to see that charity wakfs are properly managed. So far as I know there is no such legislation on the other side too.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—There is the law of 1890. At present is there any way for the public to know how the wakfs are being managed and how incomes from these wakfs are being distributed?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—If any member of the public wants to know anything he may bring in a suit into the Court. There are provisions by which the Trustees should disclose the accounts and if the Trustees do not disclose it for proper reasons, you can institute a suit.

**Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—Have the Government received any representation from any member of the public that these wakfs are not being properly administered?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Except this question raised in this House, we have not received any representations.

**Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.**—Have the Government ever taken the administration of any charity wakfs?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—No.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Suppose a man wants to get the copy of the accounts; is there any contrivance by which he can get it?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—If a man interested in the wakf applies to the Trustees and if the Trustees for improper reasons refuse to disclose the accounts, a suit may lie in the District Court; in which case the ordinary provisions of Muhammadan Law will apply.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—I question.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—It is a matter of difference of opinion in which probably I am a little more competent to express an opinion.

## Abolition of the post of the Lady Vaccinator.

**255.** മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മാൽഹാജി ഈസ്സാസേട്ട്.— ചീഫ് മെഡിക്കൽ ആഫീസർ കൌൺസിലിൽ ചെയ്ത വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ചു നിയമിച്ച ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്ററുടെ പോസ്റ്റ് നിറുത്തിക്കളയുവാൻ കാരണമെന്തു?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—ടി വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ചു ഗവമ്മെണ്ട് ഇതേവരെ നാലു ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽ യാതൊരു പോസ്റ്റും നിറുത്തിക്കളഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മാൽഹാജി ഈസ്സാസേട്ട്.— കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ, ഈ കൌൺസിലിൽ ഗവമ്മെൻറു ചെയ്ത വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ചു നിയമിച്ച ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്ററുടെ പോസ്റ്റു നിറുത്തിക്കളഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെ ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർ ഉണ്ടോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.— ഉണ്ടെന്നാണു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനറിവുള്ളതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മാൽഹാജി ഈസ്സാസേട്ട്.— അവിടെ ഇപ്പോൾ എത്ര പേരുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.— ഇതേവരെ നാലു ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർമാരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽ എത്രപേരാണു കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിലുള്ളതെന്നു് അനേഷിച്ചുവേണം പറയുവാൻ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഇസ്മാൽഹാജി ഈസ്സാസേട്ട്.— അവിടെ ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർ ഉണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നു തീച്ചുപറയുവാൻ സാധിയ്ക്കുമോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.— ഉണ്ടെന്നാണു് അറിവു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. ശങ്കരപുത്രവാൾ.— കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ ഒരു ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർ ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു് മെഡിക്കൽ മെമ്പർക്കു് അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടോ? ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം എന്താണെന്നു് അറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു.— അവിടെ ഒരു ലേഡി വാക്സിനേറ്റർ അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നതോന്നുന്നില്ല.

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